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Meeting with the Executive Director-Comptroller: On this date I discussed a number of matters with the Executive Director. These included:

a. A number of space related matters (garage, DCI Conference Room, AO/DCI) which are covered in a memorandum to the Director of Logistics (DD/S 72-0765).

b. Our all employee bulletin - Headquarters [REDACTED] [REDACTED] proposal which is enroute to him via the DD/P. I explained generally the contents and our hope that the DD/P will agree. I offered to leave a copy but he suggested waiting until the formal copy is received.

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*c. CIA Classification Review - I explained the present status of the notice produced by O/S with the assistance of members of the intra-Agency committee noting in particular that it is based upon EO 10501 which may momentarily be superseded. Mr. Colby agreed that we should hold off on this notice pending some resolution of the Government-wide matter. I suggested that we might consider putting out a paper limited to the matter of overclassification which was theoretically a safe matter under any Directorate.

Mr. Colby asked whether there might be a basis for a separate classification based on the DCI's legal authority/responsibility for protection of intelligence sources and methods. If such were possible we could avoid the problem which we now face of using security classification for papers which have no real National security significance but need protection from exposure under the Freedom of Information Act. I told Mr. Colby that I

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would discuss this idea with Mr. Houston. (I subsequently met with Mr. Houston and he will research this problem beginning with the Freedom of Information Act itself. He pointed out that one of the problems with the CIA Act is that it provides no sanctions and that this type failing was noted by the Supreme Court in its Government-wide opinions.)

*Extract to D/Security

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